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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No. (unknown)

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BLOOD TREATING FILTER EQUIPMENT AND BLOOD TREATMENT METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 3, line 2, cancel "or 2".

Claim 4, line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 - 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 - 4" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 2, change "any one of Claims 1 - 5" to --claim 1--;

line 3, cancel "described above".

Claim 7, lines 3 and 4, change "any one of Claims 1 - 6" to --claim 1--;

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line 5, change "theretarough" to

--therethrough--.

Respectfully submitted,

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